

## Citation - Professor Paul Martin

Retiring at the end of 2025 after 20 years of service, Prof. Paul Martin has made an outstanding contribution to UNE and the wider community as Director of the Australian Centre for Agriculture & Law (AgLaw). Under his leadership, AgLaw has strengthened UNE's research in law, governance, policy, and institutions in relation to agriculture, the rural environment, and the concerns of rural communities. Over his 20 years of AgLaw leadership, Professor Martin has become an internationally recognised scholar and thought-leader on rural law and governance concerns, and has more than 250 academic and industry publications to his name.

Paul has fostered an AgLaw ethos of researching with and for rural citizens, and he has a strong record of significant research initiatives covering a wide range of issues. These include next generation rural landscape governance, community management of invasive species, sustainable farming and rural stewardship, biodiversity conservation and restoration on farms, land and water management, landscape rehydration in upper catchments, reforming the tax system to facilitate conservation, community participation in rural natural resource governance, irrigation and water resources reforms, biofuels and biosecurity, regulation of agricultural chemicals and technologies, rural greenhouse gas emissions, soils governance, and farmers' social licence. Paul's scholarship has shown deep respect for rural First Nations communities, especially regarding the protection of Indigenous knowledge and cultural secrets.

Domestically, he has led programs for two Co-operative Research Centres (CRCs) – the Irrigation Futures CRC and Invasive Animals CRC. He has been active in developing research on the governance of agricultural technology, including agricultural chemicals and machinery; and institutional aspects of rural innovation. He has chaired three national conferences at UNE on risk governance of agricultural technologies, and played an active role in creating a national association for regulatory scientists.

His approach to research is characterised by multi-disciplinary partnerships and engagement with government, industry and civil society stakeholders. To understand the 'real world' dynamics of governance systems, Paul combined traditional doctrinal approaches with other qualitative and quantitative research methods.

His other roles have included conducting seminars in China, Brazil and the United Kingdom on methodologies for non-doctrinal environmental law research, academic leadership of a joint IUCN World Commission of Environmental Law (WCEL) and Environmental Law Centre project on evaluation of environmental law, and membership of the Governing Board of the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law, as well as former co-chair of its research committee.

International collaboration has been a prominent feature of AgLaw research under Paul's leadership, and team members have worked on issues in Australia, Brazil, USA, Bangladesh, Thailand, Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands, Mongolia, China and other jurisdictions. As a result of his influence, AgLaw is supported by a diverse adjunct team and excellent collaborators in many countries. For over 10 years, he has been active in research collaborations in Brazil, resulting in three invitations to lead seminars and conferences for the Brazilian National Congress.

Paul has been an outstanding mentor to colleagues and is renowned for his collegial approach, having stepped in as Acting Head of School when needed and has made important contributions to the work of the Australian Association of University Professors. He is a much-respected supervisor to higher degree research students, and has guided more than 30 PhD and research Masters candidates to completion.

Paul's legacy is not simply in the work he produced, but in the example he set – showing colleagues, students and the communities he served how to face risks with courage, and how to seize opportunities with generosity, integrity, and humanity.